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SUBJECT: UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOURTH SESSION-
REGULAR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-
AGENDA ITEM 4(E)

1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED BRIEF REPORT ON REGULAR TA PROGRAM (ID/B/C, 3/17) UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4(E) CONTAINING (A) PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1975 TO BE COVERED BY \$2 MILLION ALREADY APPROVED BY GA FOR 1975 WITHIN UN 1974-75 PROGRAM/ BUDGET; (B) REQUEST THAT IDB RECOMMEND TO GA AN ANNUAL PLANNING LEVEL AND BUDGET OF \$2 MILLION FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977.

2. THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1975 IS SET FORTH IN FIVE BROAD CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITY-TRAINING, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL ADVISERS, ASSISTANCE TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO LDC'S. THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SPECIAL PROVISION OF FUNDS FROM THE REGULAR TA PROGRAM FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND INNOVATIVE TYPES OF TA PROJECTS--NOTHING APPARENTLY HAVING COME OUT OF THIS PROVISION IN PREVIOUS UNIDO REGULAR TA PROGRAMS. (VIENNA A-199, MARCH 16, 1972; VIENNA A-153, UNCLASSIFIED

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3. OF SOME INTEREST IS THE STATEMENT RELATING TO THE TRAINING COMPONENT THAT GIVEN THE HIGH COST OF INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS AND IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TRAINING, SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO GROUP THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND REDUCE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS TO A MINIMUM. ALSO, IN CONTRAST WITH PREVIOUS YEARS' PROGRAMMING THE NOTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING IS BY REGIONS RATHER THAN BY COUNTRY. A LIST OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT WILL BE GIVEN THE BOARD EX POST.

4. COMMENT: (A) SUGGEST US DEL BE AUTHORIZED AGREE TO PROPOSED 1975 PROGRAM; (B) PROPOSAL THAT IDB RECOMMEND DIRECTLY TO GA ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO UNIDO OF \$2 MILLION UNDER REGULAR TA FOR 1976-1977 APPEARS TO MISSION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED UN PROGRAM/BUDGET PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH SYG HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING UN P/B TO GA. PROPER APPROACH WOULD APPEAR TO BE FOR ABDEL-RAHMAN TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH SYG'S OFFICE IN LIGHT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY IDB, FOR TREATMENT PROCEDURALLY ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER P/B ELEMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS THIS POINT. IN ABSENCE BARBOSA FROM VIENNA WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM SECRETARIAT. IN ANY CASE, ASSUME US DEL WOULD TAKE SAME POSITION AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS ON INCLUSION OF REGULAR TA APPROPRIATION IN UN BUDGET, I.E., DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ANY BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO THIS EFFECT. STIBRAVY

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